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MICHIGAN RED CROSS HAS NEW WORKSHOP



THE BIG INSPECTION ROOM.

Detroit—The Michigan State Board of the American Red Cross, now one of the national units of the organization, has established its inspection and transportation department. Under a new arrangement, Detroit is the state headquarters and the inspection and shipping point for Michigan, and all supplies from state chapters for the aid and comfort of the men of the United States military forces, both overseas and at home, will be sent here for sorting, inspection and re-shipping.

Of the new headquarters, the officials are justly proud. The work of arranging the rooms and working out the system of inspection, crapping, temporary storage and sorting compartments has been done under the direction of Mrs. R. H. Ashbaugh, director of the Bureau of Woman's Work, and her women aids. There is a distinctive mark of femininity about the place, in its absolute cleanliness.

The department is housed in the heart of downtown Detroit, in the north Marquette Building, at the corner of Wayne and Congress streets. The 6,000 square feet of floor space is contributed by the Murphy estate, owners of the building.

A progressive system is used in handling the tons of supplies, bandages, hospital garments and knitted goods. All shipments from the various county chapters are delivered at the headquarters, unpacked, sorted, assembled according to classification, and repacked for shipment in an orderly progression. Unnecessary handling and all "lost motion" have been eliminated.

Entering the establishment, one finds a large receiving and shipping room, with tables accommodating eight workers each. Boxes and crates of supplies leave the freight elevator and are distributed along the tables. Here they are opened and the contents carried, in wheeled trucks like great clothesbaskets, to the proper sorting rooms.

All then, surgical dressings go to

one big, airy room and the gaze to another. Here the volunteer women workers, stationed at the tables, sort the various bandages and place them, according to kind, in large roomy compartments built along the wall. Every precaution has been taken to keep these rooms and all the others clean, and the greatest care will be exercised in handling the materials.

As soon as a compartment has acquired a sufficient supply to make the proper size package, its contents are removed and packed away in cartons, sealed and addressed for whatever sector of our military establishment they are intended.

The largest sorting and inspection room is that where hospital garments and knitted goods are handled. Here there are 100 or more of the big compartments built into the wall, open at the end toward the inspection room and with a drop door at the other, to eliminate the necessity of the packers entering the room. Each compartment is intended to hold garments or supplies of a single kind.

Out in the packing room, the supplies are carried from their various compartments and piled on tables where other workers prepare them for boxing and shipping.

Shipments in railroad lots will leave the headquarters at stated intervals, clearing the work of the department and insuring the most efficient and economical transportation possible. Literally tons of supplies will be handled, and with one exception, a professional packer, the work will all be done by volunteers, each of which will give a day or more each week. This means that more than 400 women will be enrolled.

To justify the unusual compliment paid Michigan by the national organization in making it a division by itself, and the confidence thereby expressed, every effort will be made in the Christmas membership campaign to exceed the quota assigned and "go over the top" for three-quarters of a million members.

THE AIM OF THE RED CROSS

1. To be ready to care for our soldiers and sailors on duty wherever and whenever that care may be needed.
2. To shorten the war—by strengthening the morale of the allied peoples and their armies, by alleviating their sufferings in the period which must elapse until the American army can become fully effective abroad.
3. To lay the foundations for an enduring peace—by extending a message of practical relief and sympathy to the civilian population among our Allies, carrying to them an expression of the finest side of the American character.

Your Red Cross dollar makes you a member and helps to save the life of, perhaps, YOUR soldier at the front.

CHRISTMAS GREETING

WESTERN UNION
TELEGRAM

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 1917.

"I am in heartiest sympathy with the Red Cross Christmas campaign for 750,000 members in Michigan. This war is coming home to every man, woman and child in the United States, and the only way to meet it is for every one to back the Red Cross which is caring for the boys who go forth to fight for us. It is a privilege, as it is a duty, for us who cannot go into the trenches to help save the lives and care for the families of those who do go. Michigan will furnish her share of Red Cross members just as she is giving her share of fighting men and of money.

"Let us make this a Red Cross Christmas"
ALBERT W. SLEEPER,
Governor.

A RED CROSS CHRISTMAS



LET YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS BE RED CROSS MEMBERSHIPS THIS YEAR.

"It was a happy thought that suggested the idea of combining the spirit of the Red Cross with that of Christmas. Both involve service and sacrifice, helpfulness and humanity. Let us make this a Red Cross Christmas."

—Governor Sleeper's Proclamation.

RED CROSS WORK SAVES SOLDIERS FOR NEXT SPRING

MEN AT FRONT ARE HEARTENED BECAUSE THEIR FAMILIES ARE CARED FOR.

GENERAL PERSHING CO-OPERATES American Leader and Gen. Petain Aid in Relieving Distress, Thereby Keeping Up the Morale of the Army.

That the work which the Red Cross is doing in France to alleviate suffering among the families of Frenchmen who are fighting at the front represents a saving of 1,500,000 men is the opinion of William Allen White, noted writer and owner of the Emporia (Kan.) Gazette, who has just returned from France.

"It is not probable that our army in France will get into the fighting to any large extent until next spring. The real war work that should interest the people of America this winter is of an economic rather than a military character. It will be carried on by the Red Cross in France, its purpose being to relieve needy conditions in the homes of French soldiers who are in winter quarters in the trenches at the front.

Comfort Women and Children. "It is felt by the military officers of both nations that nothing could do more to keep up the morale of the French soldiers during the coming winter than to bring comfort to women and children at home. The soldier's knowledge that his family is being well cared for will take a great load off his mind and hearten him to stand up against privation which otherwise might break his spirit and render him of no physical use.

Maj. Grayson, M. P. Murphy of the Red Cross, Gen. Pershing and Gen. Petain of France are working in unison to perfect the plans for the relief of families of soldiers, the military commanders believing that it will be of the greatest benefit to both armies. It should be kept in mind that every soldier who is saved this winter means the saving of an American boy when the big drive begins next spring. Some American boys will have to take the place of every Frenchman who is killed or who breaks down under the strain.

"This particular relief work means therefore, that French soldiers will be saved for work in the spring and American lives will be conserved at the same time.

CHRISTMAS RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP PLAN COMPLETE

State Organization Ready for Big Campaign—Goal 750,000 By Christmas Eve.

Detroit—The machinery is all being assembled and oiled, the plans are being made ready, and the final touches are being given to the campaign plans for the big "Christmas Drive" of the Red Cross in Michigan. Beginning officially, Monday morning, December 17, the entire strength of the state organization is to be turned loose on the citizenship of the commonwealth with a membership for the Red Cross of 750,000 people.

"And we're going to win," says Sidney T. Miller, chairman of the Michigan Red Cross. We simply must, not fail, and with the careful preparations made for an enthusiastic, intensive campaign, I do not see how we can do other than win success. The responses we have had thus far to our appeal for assistance have been glorious. Michigan people are as intent on going over the top in this campaign as they have been in every other they have participated in.

"The plans for the drive are comprehensive. We hope that every city in the state will have an organization for every one of its blocks of residence and business places. Tons of publicity literature, designed to educate every last person in the state as to the purposes of the drive, are going out daily. Posters, cards, service flags—everything is ready and awaiting only the word to go. Churches and schools are taking up the work in a most satisfactory manner. Nothing less than three-quarters of a million members in Michigan will satisfy the state organization, and I'm confident we will have gained our goal when the campaign closes on Christmas Eve."

Children as Red Cross Workers. Children in the public schools throughout the country are to help the cause of the Red Cross. Many of the simple articles and supplies needed in the hospitals will be made in the ordinary course of their school work, and this material contribution to the comfort of our soldiers will be of great importance.

Lighting the Candle behind the Red Cross on Christmas Eve.

BIG RED CROSS SPEAKERS BUREAU

State Speakers of Prominence Helping With Christmas Membership Drive.

Detroit—A state speakers' bureau which will insure able speakers for every community of Michigan is just one of the campaign plans which is rapidly nearing perfection, according to an announcement made today at state headquarters of the American National Red Cross. The work of lining up the speakers' organization has been done under the direction of Paul H. King, director of publicity, and the message of the Christmas membership drive will be carried the length and breadth of Michigan, Mr. King says.

Already more than 100 speakers of state prominence have been signed for duty in both the Lower and Upper Peninsula, the list including leading business and professional men. Detroit has contributed about half these men, but all sections of the state are represented in the list.

Besides these speakers, there will be a large corps of four-minute men in every local community. While many of the latter will confine their efforts to brief explanations of the purpose of the drive in motion picture theaters, churches and other like gathering places, many of them, under Mr. King's direction, will carry the message of the Red Cross Christmas membership drive to mass meetings and other special gatherings.

Ward N. Choate, State Chairman of the Four Minute Men, and the local chairman and members throughout the state are giving splendid co-operation.

"Of course it would be impossible for Detroit speakers, for instance, to go away out in the Upper Peninsula for a mass meeting, but our organization is such that, regardless of where the gathering to be held, we will have a capable talker available," said Mr. King, today. "We believe that by sending men but short distances we can cover the entire state on short notice, and stand ready to receive requests from local organizations in any part of Michigan at any time."

MICHIGAN RED CROSS GETS SIGNAL HONOR

State Organization Made Separate Unit By National Officers

Unusual Strength of Organization, Now at work, commands attention, at U. S. conference.

Detroit (special)—Michigan has been paid a signal compliment by the national officers of the American Red Cross. During the recent reorganization, which was country wide and in which the several states were grouped into divisions, Michigan, in recognition of the unusual strength of its organization, was left intact as an individual unit.

Michigan was the first state in the Union to complete an organization in every county. The organization is particularly symmetrical in that there is but one chapter in each county, although there may be, and are, numerous branches of the county chapters. This gives an efficient working body, which demonstrated its force during the War Fund drive last summer, when the state exceeded its quota by more than a million dollars, and is every day proving its effectiveness through the wonderfully faithful painstaking and loyal work of its thousands of women workers.

Literally tons of knitted goods, hospital garments and surgical dressings have been produced and forwarded to our soldiers and sailors.

State headquarters in this city have been established in the new home of the state board in the Northern Assurance building, 110 Fort Street West, and all state and bureau officials are installed and busy at work. Every detail making for speedy and efficient handling of the numerous features of the state committee's business has been worked out to a nicety.

The state officers who have their desks grouped about the great central headquarters room are Sidney T. Miller, chairman; Mark T. McKee, vice chairman; Mrs. R. H. Ashbaugh, director of bureau of woman's work; Mrs. L. E. Greiter, director of bureau of nursing; Tracy W. McGregor, director of bureau of civilian relief; Daniel L. Quirk, jr., director of bureau of military relief; Paul H. King, director of bureau of publicity; and Henry K. Jones, headquarters secretary.

A dollar given to the Red Cross makes you a member of the greatest charitable organization on the face of the earth—and buys a dollar's worth of aid and comfort for your son, your husband, your sweetheart or your friend who is "doing his bit" for humanity and democracy.

750,000 MEMBERS IS MICHIGAN GOAL

Red Cross Christmas Campaign The Biggest Drive On Record

Detroit (special)—"The biggest drive that Michigan has ever seen." This is the way state headquarters talks of the campaign in Michigan for members for the American National Red Cross, which begins on Monday, December 17, and ends on Christmas Eve, December 24.

"Nothing less than one Red Cross member from every family in the state will satisfy us, and we are working for much more," said Sidney T. Miller, state chairman, in discussing plans for the campaign. "We are setting our goal high, but, judging from the expressions of enthusiasm revealed to date, we will come very close to accomplishing our objective."

"Michigan now has about 550,000 members and our effort will be to increase the number by half. There is no reason why each member of the family should not be a member from the youngest up. Our slogan is three-quarters of a million for Michigan."

RED CROSS RELIEF SAVES THE KIDDIES

Belgian Children Get Their First Real Meal In Many Months

Washington, D. C. Council of the American Red Cross announces the following cablegram from the Paris headquarters of the American Red Cross in reference to the work of the Red Cross in caring for the repatriated refugees from devastated districts in France and Belgium.

"They arrived last week at Evian where the repatriates from France and Belgium are received back into France, a train loaded with Belgian children. There were 650 of them, thin, sickly, alone, all between ages of four and twelve, children of men who refused to work for the Germans and of mothers who let their children go rather than let them starve. They poured out of the train, little ones clinging to the older ones, girls all crying, boys trying to cheer. They had come all the long way alone.

"On the platform were the Red Cross workers to meet them, doctors and nurses with ambulances for the little ones waiting outside the station. The children poured out of the station, hurried along the street, shouting, 'Ment, ment, we are going to have meat.' In the station where they were given a square meal, the first in many months.

"Again and again, while they ate, they broke out spontaneously into songs in French against the German, songs which they had evidently learned in secret. The Red Cross doctor examined them. Their little dewy eyes, bandaged were significant of their undernourished bodies, but the doctor said, 'We have them in time. A few weeks of proper feeding and they will pull up.'"

"Every day at Evian 1000 homeless people arrive of which 50 per cent are children. 50 per cent of the older people die the first month from exhaustion. The children can and must be saved."

The Red Cross is caring for them. Are you a member? If not, join. If so, enroll for next year in the Christmas membership campaign.

The inspiring response to our "Call to Colors" has enrolled an army of 500,000 volunteers in Michigan under the Red Cross flag.

Let us make it 750,000! We cannot all serve in the trenches, but we can all serve at home. Membership is service. Enlist in the Red Cross army and show your whole-hearted sympathy with those who go to the front and your desire to lighten their hardships, guard their health, and bind their wounds.

TEAM WORK



The Red Cross Goes Wherever the Flag Goes. Your Membership Fee Will Help the Good Work Along.